



June 8, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MM Docket No. 99-325

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As president of WFAE/WFHE Public Radio, a voting Board member and a personal financial supporter, I respectfully request that the FCC issue a ruling so that FM radio stations may use their digital, High Definition signals for secondary, supplemental audio channels.

We have received notice from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting that we have won matching grants to convert both of our FM transmitters to digital.

The station believes the use of supplemental audio is integral to our public service mission. It will enable us to expand programming for listeners who are underserved or not served at all. WFAE and WFHE cannot find any efficient, high power signals in our markets for service expansion under the existing technologies.

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We might use the channel to provide overseas news 24 hours a day. We could use the channel to provide foreign language programming. Or, we might use the channel to provide music programming such as folk or Alternative, which are not currently available in our service areas.

We are non-profit, community-based operations that receive no state, county, city or university funding. The potential use of SAC technology for funding purposes will strengthen our ability to serve the public better in the future.

Thank you very much for the Commission's attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Sarow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger Sarow

President and General Manager

WFAE/WFHE Public Radio